

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 7 and 13 being the independent claims. Claims 1, 7 and 13 are sought to be amended. Entry and consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by this amendment.

Applicant has made the above Amendment to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,336,158 (hereinafter referred to as “the Martwick patent”). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections since the Martwick patent does not teach or suggest each element of amended independent claims 1, 7 and 13 for at least the following reasons.

Independent claims 1, 7 and 13 have been amended to include a similar feature of: generating bus segment information of a bus segment coupled to the target device in response to an assertion of a connection associated with the bus segment coupled to the target device, wherein the connection is independent of the first data bus where the target device is coupled.

The Martwick patent does not teach or suggest this feature. Therefore, for at least this reason, independent claims 1, 7 and 13 (and their dependent claims 2-6, 8-12 and 14-18) are patentable over the Martwick patent under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Accordingly, Applicant

requests that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

INVITATION FOR A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned, Molly A. McCall, at (703) 633-3311
if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed accommodated or rendered moot. Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action. Thus, Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, and as such, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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